to Weavers Societies has been on the increase from one plan period to another plan period and consequently the assistance given by the Societies also increased.

Assistance to other weaker sections.—There are 97 labour contract societies with about 15,000 labourers including Harijans, as members. Towards the share capital, working capital, implements, etc., a sum of Rs. 2.66 lakhs was provided as subsidy and loans by the Government during the year 1964–65 as against Rs. 1.12 lakhs during the previous year.

There are fourteen Salt Manufacturing Co-operative Societies of which 13 have been formed by workers and one by licensees. Out of thirteen societies, 6 societies are exclusively for Harijans numbering 750. Co-operative Central Banks provide finance required by the Salt Workers Co-operative Societies to a certain extent. Under the rules governing the grant of loans to licensing salt manufacturers, the Government of India also assist the societies for developing salt production. The State Government have also been assisting these societies by granting subsidies for construction of platforms, godowns, etc., loan for working capital and share capital and free services of co-operative staff. There is no reduction in the financial assistance by Salt Manufacturing Co-operatives.

There are 385 fishermen co-operative societies in the State as on 31st March 1964. They extend financial assistance to fishermen like sanction of long-term and medium-term loans, loan for construction of godowns, etc. There has been no decrease in the provision of financial assistance to the fishermen co-operatives.

There are various other types of societies formed exclusively for the benefit of Harijans and hill tribes like land colonisation societies, washermen co-operative societies, milk supply societies, marketing societies, barbers' societies, etc. There is no reduction in the grant of financial assistance by these societies to their members.

It is seen from the above that there has been no change in the policy of this Government necessitating sudden reduction of financial assistance by co-operatives to the agriculturists, weavers and other backward classes of the community. The statement of the hon. Member is too general. If the hon. Member cites any specific instance, a suitable reply will be given.

III.—ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(1) THE MADRAS HINDU RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE ENDOWMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1965

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that I have received a message from the Hon. Chairman of the Madras Legislative Council that the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Amendment) Bill, 1965 (L.A. Bill No. 17 of 1965) has been passed by the Legislative Council without any amendment.

(2) THE MADURAI UNIVERSITY BILL, 1965.

MR. SPEAKER : I have also to announce to the House that I have received the following message from the Hon. Chairman of the Madras Legislative Council.

"That this House concurs with the Assembly in setting up a Joint Select Committee of both the Houses consisting of 18 Members (12 Members of the Legislative Assembly and 6 Members of the Legislative Council) to consider the Madurai University Bill, 1965 (L.A. Bill No. 11 of 1965) and that the following Members of this House be selected to serve on such a Joint Select Committee :—

1. The Hon. Sri R. Venkataraman.
2. Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar.
3. Sri K. Balasubramania Ayyar.
4. Sri S. Jayarama Reddiar.
5. Sri K. Anbazhagan.
6. Sri K. Rajaram.

IV.—PRESENTATION OF REPORT—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS FOR 1962-63.

திரு. இரா. நெடுஞ்செழியன் : கனம் அவைத்தலைவர் அவர்களே, 1962-63-வது ஆண்டின் தமிழக அரசின் வரவு-செலவு கணக்கைப் பற்றிய பொதுக் கணக்குகள் குழுவின் அறிக்கையை இந்த மன்றத்தின் முன் தங்கள் மூலம் வைக்கிறேன்.

V.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE MADRAS CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1965 (L.A. BILL NO. 16 OF 1965)—*cont.*

Clause 6.

MR. SPEAKER : The first amendment to this clause, given notice of by the hon. the Leader of the Opposition, that the clause shall be omitted, is not in order as it has merely the effect of a negative vote. The hon. Member Sri S. Madhavan, who has given notice of another amendment to this clause, is not in his seat.

Clause 6 was put and carried.

Clauses 7 to 10 were put and carried.

Clause 11.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

"That Clause 11 do stand part of the Bill".

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I move—

"In clause 11, in new section 94, in the proviso, *omit* the words "selection for".